

(Rs. in crores)

<i>S.No. Name of the Scheme</i>	<i>Allocation for 1992-93</i>
18. Share capital to Starts Tribal Development Co-operative Corporation for MFPs.	2.00
Total:	103.87
19. Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan.	250.00

* N.B. The Schemes are both for SCs and STs.

Flood and cyclone Relief

*521. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andaman and Nicobar Administration has sent any proposal to the Union Government for grant of Flood cyclone relief to the left-out cases as per the review list; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) A proposal has been received from the Andaman and Nicobar Administration for reconsidering Government of India's earlier decision on Inter sectoral changes in the ceilings of expenditure approved for flood/cyclone relief in 1988-89 and provision for payment of relief to 3058 leftout cases.

(b) The matter is under consideration of Government of India.

[Translation]

Pakistan Propaganda on Muslims in India

*522. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is spreading false propaganda regarding Muslims in India;

(b) if so, the reaction of the government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to counter this propaganda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pakistan's statements on the conditions of the Muslim community in India constitute an interference in our internal affairs and are unwarranted and unacceptable. Government's regret and concern at these statements have been conveyed to the Government of Pakistan on a number of occasions.

Indian's secular and democratic policy which guarantees the rights and welfare equally of all communities is universally recognised. Information in this regard is disseminated in other countries through the media and through diplomatic channels.

[English]

Cotton Production

* 523. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the production of cotton during the Eighth Five-Year Plan;